

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-19, 21-26, 28-30, 32-40, 42-50, 52-60, and 62 remain in this application. Claims 1-9, 11-19, 21-26, 28-30, 32-40, 42-50, 52-60, and 62 have been amended. Claims 10, 20, 31, 41, 51 and 61 have been objected to. Claims 10, 20, 31, 41, 51, and 61 have been canceled.

II. CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Final Office Action rejected Claims 10, 31, and 51 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 having insufficient antecedent basis. Applicant has canceled Claims 10, 31, and 51 and has incorporated the elements of said claims in Claims 1, 22, and 43, respectively, with proper antecedent basis.

III. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION COMMENTS

Applicant respectfully traverses the Final Office Action's comment regarding priority to provisional US Patent Application No. 60/166,906 filed November 22, 1999 as not being valid for the claims of the instant application.

IV. CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Final Office Action rejected Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-19, 21-26, 28-30, 32-40, 42-50 and 62 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Bradley et al. (hereinafter Bradley) U.S. application number 7,082,463.

Applicant has incorporated the elements of Claims 10, 20, 31, 41, 51, and 61 into independent Claims 1, 12, 22, 33, 43, and 53, respectively, which the Office Action has indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Therefore, Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-19, 21-26, 28-30, 32-40, 42-50, 52-60, and 62 are allowable. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

#### V. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Final Office Action states that Claims 10, 20, 31, 41, 51, and 61 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has incorporated the elements of Claims 10, 20, 31, 41, 51, and 61 into independent Claims 1, 12, 22, 33, 43, and 53, respectively.

#### VI. MISCELLANEOUS

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Applicants believe that all issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed and that allowance of the pending claims is appropriate. Entry of the amendments herein and further examination on the merits are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408) 414-1214 to discuss any issue that may advance prosecution.

To the extent necessary to make this reply timely filed, the Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, throughout the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to any applicable fees and to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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